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6 March 1951

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Director, [redacted] G

FROM: Chief, [redacted]

SUBJECT: Use of Drugs in Preparing [redacted] Communist Troops for Attack

1. Reference is made to my recent conversations with you concerning the above matter and also concerning the BLUEBIRD project. A thorough check has now been completed to determine all available information indicating that the recently reported [redacted]-type, [redacted] attacks by [redacted] Communist troops were induced by the use of drugs or other methods. With the exception of certain unsubstantiated newspaper speculation, the only information concerning this point received to date by [redacted] is contained in the attached cable, dated 2 March 1951, from [redacted]. This cable contains a C-6 report to the effect that [redacted] Communist troops in [redacted] carry small bottles of [redacted] liquid to drink immediately before attacking. G F

2. This problem has been discussed with a number of officers in [redacted] who concur in the thought that the [redacted] attacks by [redacted] Communists are out of character for [redacted] troops. Based on this and on the attached cable, cables were dispatched to [redacted] and to other [redacted] stations on 5 March 1951, instructing that the report in the attached cable be checked and expanded if possible, and instructing that all possible information bearing on this problem be collected and forwarded to headquarters. G F

3. For your further information in this connection, a review of the files reflects that on 8 May 1950 instructions were dispatched by the [redacted] to all [redacted] station chiefs instructing them to give priority to the collection of all possible information reflecting the use of drugs and drug-induced techniques in interrogations. Requests for this type of information also were levied at that time on other US intelligence agencies. G

Action: The above is submitted for your information, pursuant to your request. Any further developments of importance regarding this problem will of course be called to your attention.

cc [redacted] G

Enclosed to [redacted] 26/mar/51 G

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